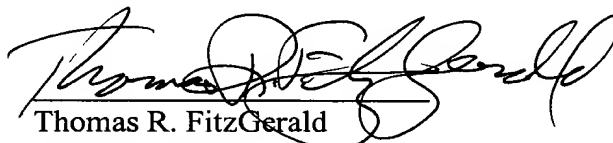


REMARKS

Claims 1-16 were pending and on appeal when, in the Office Action of September 9, 2004, the Examiner found that claims 3-6 included patentable subject matter and allowed claims 14 and 15. In response, Applicant rewrote claim 3 as an independent claim, changed the dependency of other, non-allowed claims to depend from claim 3 (amended) and cancelled claims 1 and 16. The application is now in a condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to telephone the undersigned in regard to this Amendment and the above identified application.

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